Alberta Finance

Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF June 10, 2002 TO June 14, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	May			The Canadian CPI rose 0.2% in May. Increases were led by recreation, education and reading (1.7%), alcoholic beverages and tobacco products (1.7%) and health and personal care (0.3%). Decreases were reported in clothing and footwear (-1.9%), food (-0.4%) and household operations and furnishings (-0.1%). The Alberta CPI increased 0.5% in April and was up 0.2% from May 2001.
Alberta	123.5	0.5%	0.2%	
Canada	118.6	0.2%	1.0 %	
New Housing Price Index (1992=100)	April			New house prices in Canada were up 0.6% in April, with the largest monthly increase posted by Ottawa-Gatineau (2.3%). Calgary and Edmonton showed month over month increases of 0.4% and 0.5% respectively. These increases are attributed to greater demand and higher materials costs. On an annual basis, new house prices were up 3.7% for Canada, while Calgary and Edmonton were up 5.1% and 6.1% respectively.
Canada	109.4	0.6%	3.7%	
Edmonton	119.8	0.5%	6.1%	
Calgary	141.0	0.4%	5.1%	
New Motor Vehicle Sales	April			New motor vehicle sales in Canada rose by 1.7% in April. British Columbia (6.9%), Newfoundland (4.7%) and Manitoba (4.5%) led the provinces in increases. Prince Edward Island (-5.7%) and New Brunswick (-0.4%) were the only provinces to register declines. Sales in Canada were up 11.6% from April 2001; Alberta sales were up 9.4% over the same period.
Alberta	16,695	2.2%	9.4%	
Canada	142,196	1.7%	11.6%	